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Applicant(s): Y. SHIBATA, et al  
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Group: 2877  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the accompanying RCE of the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005, a Notice of Appeal having been filed on April 17, 2006. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendment of the Claims;

Remarks are included following the amendments.